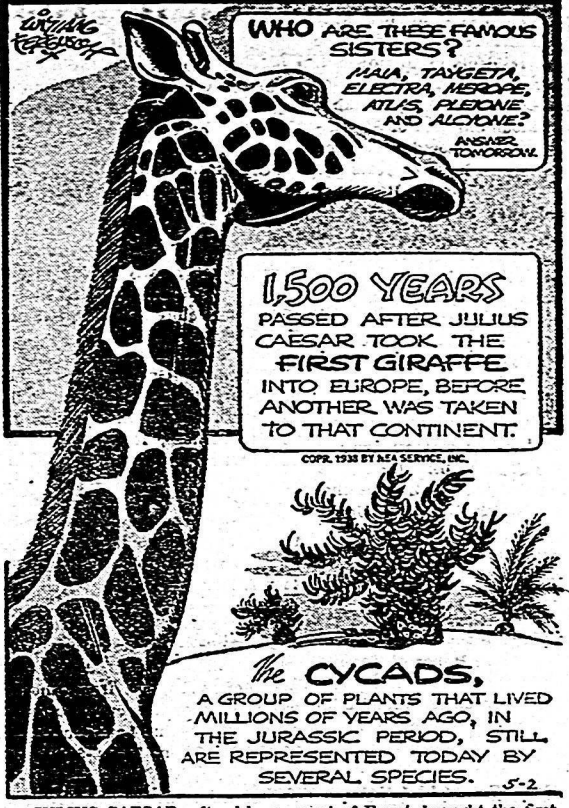


THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



JULIUS CAESAR, after his conquest of Egypt, brought the first giraffe to Rome, where it aroused great curiosity, since it was the first one to reach the European continent alive. Fifteen centuries later, Lorenzo de Medici imported one and exhibited it at Florence.

NEXT: How much do sprinters breathe in the 100-yard dash?

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM By Gwendoline P. Clarke

Well, I suppose by the time you read this it will be after Christmas. I hope everyone of you had as happy a Christmas as circumstances would permit in your home. I say that because I know Christmas can't be the same when those we love are far from home—or where there is a vacant place that can never be filled. Christmas has a way of bringing those things home to us.

And now it is time to wish you, one and all, a very Happy New Year. And that greeting comes from the bottom of my heart.

Yes, here we stand upon the threshold of another year—a year which we know in advance will not be an easy one. We know, without being told, that there are many hardships in store for us. But are we going to let them get us down? I don't think so! Some of these hardships will be lack of material things—but we can surely bear such hardships with a good grace. A greater ordeal will come in being separated from those we love—husband, sweetheart, son or brother. But "we must smile as we wave good-bye... we must smile as the days go by." That is our part. "Men must work and women must weep" does not apply in our day and age. Some of our womenfolk have already had their share of loneliness and anxiety—and they have learnt that there is but one thing to do—and that is—to go right on working and smiling.

But in spite of these things—or perhaps I should say "because" of these things, for without our gallant fighters there would be no happiness anywhere, at any time—so, in spite of the loneliness and heartache, in spite of the tenseness and uncertainty in which we live, there is still room in this world, as God made it, for happiness and laughter; for the joyous gaiety of little children—at least in Canada—and towards this happiness we can all contribute. So when we wish someone a Happy New Year—don't let it be an empty greeting. Let us put a little action behind it. Let us see what we can do towards making it a happy year by looking for the happy things—the bright things—to pass along each day. And it might be a good idea to try and understand "the other fellow" a little better—he has his troubles and heartaches too—you and I don't have all the worries in the world! So even if we don't believe in New Year resolutions it wouldn't be a bad idea to make just one. Supposing we say "I resolve to cultivate a cheerful spirit; to look for some happy incident every day; to remember that even in a war-torn world "the blue of heaven is greater than the cloud."

And when I say "a cheerful spirit" I don't mean a careless "oh - why should I worry—we are sure to win the war" sort of attitude, but rather a spirit of courage and determination that always goes hand in hand with the

ability to face facts and make the best of them.

And we might find keeping our chin up good exercise, both morally and physically. Sure it's good for our posture and good for our spirits too! Yes, that's the idea—or as Gracie Field says—"Chin up and Keep Smiling!"

Never Again

During the last 15 months, says The Vancouver Sun, this province has learned to do without the Japanese. We used to be told they were essential in fishing and truck farming. But these and other callings in which they specialized are getting along without them, just as well as the average of industries in wartime. In fishing and lumbering neither the management nor the workers want anything to do with them again. They were efficient enough but their word was worthless and constantly they were centres of trouble.

MAY WED PRINCESS



Charles Manners, 10th Duke of Rutland, 24-year-old lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, is reported to be the probable choice as a consort for Britain's Princess Elizabeth. Heiress to the throne of England, she will reach her majority next April.

RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, President Roosevelt, Madame Chiang Kai Shek. These are famous names in the history of the year 1943. You can hear them all in one program, together with many other prominent personalities on New Year's Day, Saturday January 1st, 4.15 to 5.15 p.m., when CFRB, Toronto presents "1943. This Year of Liberation" . . . a review of the events in a dramatic twelve months which have seen the whole of Northern Africa freed from the tread of the enemy, Sicily and part of Italy liberated, and a large proportion of Russia returned to its rightful owners.

New Year's Eve will bring CFRB's listeners plenty of opportunity to dance the light fantastic. Until early in the morning of New Year's Day, CFRB will bring dance programs from across the North American continent, featuring nationally famous orchestras until 1.30 a.m.

By popular request Rex Battle, well known genius of the ivory keyboard, will entertain from 7.45 to 8 p.m. Monday and Friday over CFRB. . . . a continuation of the piano series heard for several months. Usually this series is discontinued after Christmas. However Rex Battle's sponsors have bowed to public acclaim, and the appreciation of lovers of good concert music.

Just as much at home in a London theatre as back on the rolling prairie is that handsome cowboy, Pte. Lance King of the popular radio show "Johnny Canuck's Revue, presented jointly by the British Broadcasting Corporation and the London office of the C.B.C. The Winnipeg boy and his associates of the Canadian Army and the R.C.A.F. are heard every Sunday afternoon on the B.B.C. Forces program, and on the North American Trans-

mission of the B.B.C. on Monday nights.

What programs are most listened to in Canada? Here's the chance to check with your personal preferences. According to the latest survey, they are as follows:

- Evening programs:
1. Charlie McCarthy. 2. Lux Radio Theatre. 3. Jack Benny. 4. Fibber McGee and Molly. 5. The Aldrich Family. 6. Kraft Music Hall. 7. Treasure Trail. 8. Album of Familiar Music. 9. L for Lankie. 10. N.H.L. Hockey.

- Daytime programs
1. Claire Wallace's "They Tell Me" 2. Big Sister. 3. Soldier's Wife. 4. The Road of Life. 5. The Happy Gang. 6. Vic and Sade. 7. Ma Perkins. 8. Pepper's Young Family. 9. Lucy Linton. 10. The Right to Happiness.

As we stand upon the portal of 1944, it is appropriate to pay a tribute to the work of the "Silent Service" of radio broadcasting, the lads who man the engineering equipment which brings you your regular program of entertainment, instruction and information. It has not been an easy year for the engineers. Replacements for electrical equipment have been hard to obtain and at times the boys have been hard put to it, to keep stations on the air with an uninterrupted schedule. Considering the difficulties of the supply situation the breakdowns in broadcasting equipment have been few and far between. Many of the experienced engineers have been called to the armed forces, to be replaced by less experienced personnel. Radio's resolution again in 1944 is "To Carry On".

Your Radio Reporter takes this opportunity of wishing those who sit out of sight on the other side of the microphone a Cheery, Profitable New Year. May 1944 point the way to Victory and Peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

January 9
JESUS BUSY WITH HIS MINISTRY OF LOVE.
Mark 1: 23-2: 14
PRINTED TEXT, Mark 1: 32-45.

GOLDEN TEXT—We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9: 4.

MEMORY VERSE: The Lord is my helper. Hebrews 13:6.
THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING—Time.—Practically all of the events occurred in May, A.D. 28; the call of Levi occurred in the early summer of that year.

Place.—All the events of this lesson took place in the city of Capernaum, at the northern end of the sea of Galilee, with the single exception of that portion which describes our Lord's preaching tour, which occurred in Galilee, that large area of which Capernaum was one of many cities. The exact location where the miracle of the cleansing of the leper took place cannot be determined.

Healing The Sick
"And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many demons; and he suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew him."

Jesus forbade these demons, who recognized Him as the Son of God, to bear testimony to Him, because in themselves they were wicked and evil. They would resort to deception, to falsehood, to trickery at any time. Inasmuch as they could not be believed in other matters, He did not want them testifying as to what He was, for in so doing people would confuse the words they were forced to speak, in truth, with other voluntary utterances of foulness

which they often would express. He accepted testimony from the Father, from the Scriptures, from John the Baptist, from men who were saved, but not from the hearts of these evil creatures.

Teaching and Praying
"In the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed." We do not often rise early in the morning before day to go out somewhere to be alone to pray. If the Son of God, who was without sin, felt in His own heart the need of this communion how much more is this our need.

All Seek Jesus
"And Simon and they that were with him followed after him; and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking thee. And he saith unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth." Jesus knew he was popular in Capernaum. This would have been reason enough in the minds of His followers to continuing His ministry there. The Master argued differently. Capernaum had been given an opportunity to hear His message and to receive His healing ministry. He was now thinking of more needy fields. He wished to preach where His message had never been heard; He desired to save those to whom had been given no opportunity for life. This was the work for which He came down to earth, and He must engage in it at once, for His ministry was brief, and soon He would be on the cross.

Cleansing of a Leper
"And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." This man came to the Lord in faith, believing that if Christ would, He could cleanse him of his leprosy. This faith was original. There had been no previous instance among all the Judaean Galilean hills of such a cure. Nobody thought of lepers or of bringing them to Jesus.

Leper Is Made Clean
"And being moved with compassion, he stretched forth his

SUCCESSFUL SOUVENIR HUNT



After beating the Japs on Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, typically American Marines promptly went hunting souvenirs. This good luck flag found by the two Marines brought no luck to its original owners. Many Japs carry these flags, autographed by friends and relatives "for luck."

hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou made clean." There is no person in all the world to-day who wants cleanliness, but who, by coming to Christ, will find that He hears this cry of the heart, and is able to answer it, as no one else can answer, and to give the cleanliness that no human effort can ever achieve.

The Leper Disobeys Jesus
"And he strictly charged him, and straightway sent him out, and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man, but go show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out,

and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the matter, inasmuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into a city, but was without in desert places; and they came to him from every quarter."

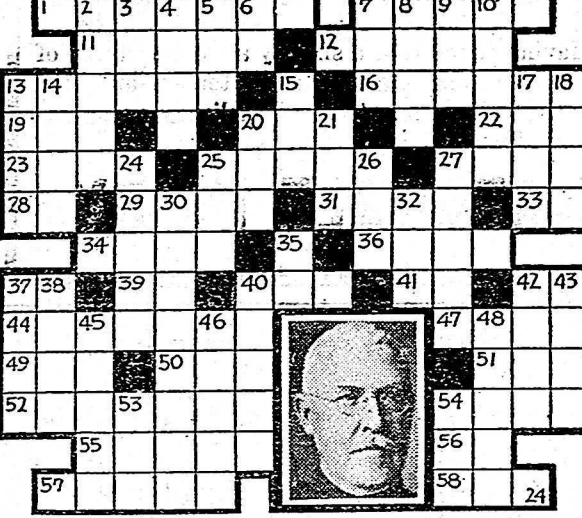
It does not make any difference whether we know why Jesus issued this command or not. He was the Son of God, and knew what was best for this man, for Himself, and for others. He always does. Whether we understand a command or not, if we know it is of the Lord we will be wise in obeying it. Yet after all the severity with which Jesus had charged the man, he did not obey. This at first seemed strange, yet psychologically it is natural enough. His sudden return from the death of leprosy to new life and health carried him away.

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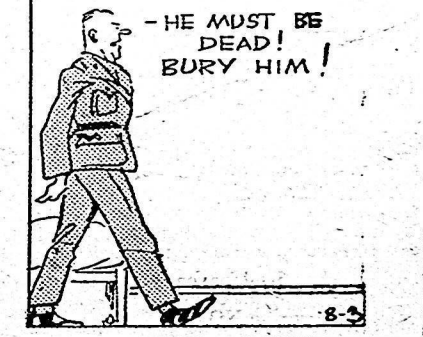
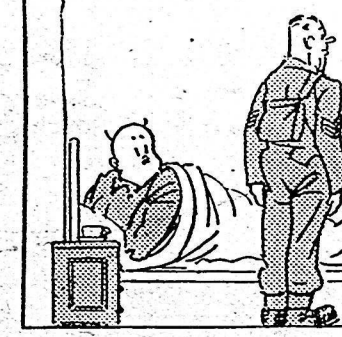
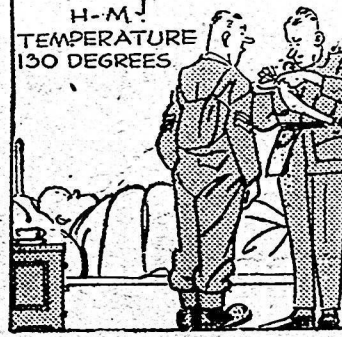
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26 Garment pendant.
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32 Fabulous bird.
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POP—Getting Even.



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